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## GRAND HISTORICAL PAGEANT FEATURE OF CELEBRATION

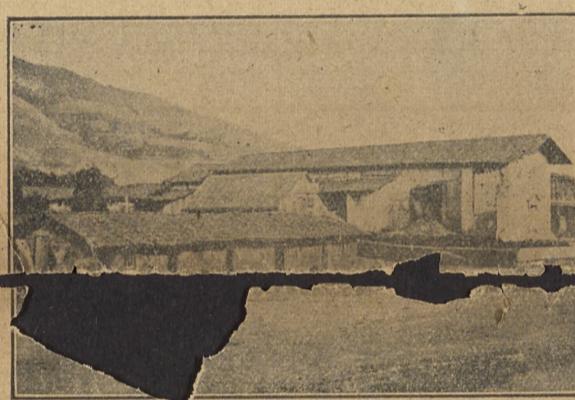
Historical Robes and Vestments Worn By Padre Junipero Serra Are Again to be Worn by Father Mackay at the Military Mass

## BIG BARBECUE TO BE HELD SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Native Sons of the Golden West and Native Daughters of the Golden West Are to Participate With Bands and Drum Corps. Hon. John Davis, Grand President to Speak.

Preparations for the big restoration celebration to be held at Mission San Jose, Saturday and Sunday, August 28th and 29th are now about completed. The various committees reported at the last meeting held in the mission town Monday night.

The spectacular historical pageant to be presented Sunday afternoon has been written by William T. Davis and will be directed by G. M. Anderson, the world-known "Broncho Billy" of the Essanay



Mission San Jose, Founded 1797

Film Company. The very fact that Mr. Anderson will direct the pageant is a guarantee that the affair will be a grand success. The pageant will begin at 2:30 Sunday afternoon and will last approximately thirty minutes. The story deals with the founding of the Mission in 1797 by the Spanish padres from the south.

The keynote of the celebration is to be a reproduction of Spanish times and customs. The town will be decorated in the national colors of Spain and the visitors are requested to wear red and yellow costumes as far as possible. The barbecued meat will be prepared in Spanish style; the music will be Spanish and the whole affair will be of that nature.

The Native Sons of the Golden West and the Native Daughters are to be in evidence. George L. Donovan, of Niles parlor, has been untiring in his efforts to secure a large attendance from the various parlors in the counties about the bay, and reports are very gratifying.

One of the most impressives ceremonies of the celebration will be an open air military mass on the portico of the old Mission. Rev. Father Mackay will be the celebrant, and it is understood that Father Mackay will wear the same robes and vestments that were worn by the padres in 1797. The old Mission is full of historical relics and as many of these as possible will be utilized during the celebration.

Sunday afternoon a big barbecue will be held in the olive grove near town. Ample preparations have been made to take care of the throngs that are expected, and the chefs who will have charge of the cooking are renowned for their skill.

The purpose of the celebration is to raise funds to restore the Mission. The Board of Supervisors, it is understood, have expressed a willingness to appropriate one thousand dollars from county funds for this purpose, but under the law, are unable to do so unless some sort of a celebration is held there. Then the money can come from the advertising fund. Supervisor D. J. Murphy of this district is doing all in his power to aid in the restoration.

The building—or what is left of it—is in a precarious condition. It is doubtful if the roof would stand another winter, and the walls have large cracks and crevices in them. Experts who have examined the structure, claim that with a small sum spent on its repair it can be made a last for many years. The Native Sons of the Golden West, always to the fore when any of California's landmarks are about to suffer, has taken upon itself the task of restoration. In this laudable work they are ably assisted by the residents of the Mission town, who are anxious to preserve the building.

The State Highway is now nearly completed to the Mission and it is daily becoming a place for sightseers to visit. Its destruction would be nothing short of a calamity.

C. F. Corrigan, traveling passenger agent for the Southern Pacific Company, a prominent Native Son, has charge of the arrangements for a special train to Irvington on the morning of the twenty-ninth. It is expected to arrive there about 10 o'clock.

## HIGH SCHOOL OPENED MONDAY

New Faces Greet Old Teachers and New Teachers Greet Old Pupils.

### ENROLLMENT CONSIDERED EXCEEDINGLY GOOD

Classes Are Overcrowded and Work Is Handicapped by Lack of Room at the Institution at Centerville.

Washington Union High School opened Monday for the coming year's work. A total enrollment of 126 was entered upon the books, but it is expected that a greater number will be enrolled after the vacation of two weeks which began Friday.

Of the 126 enrolled, 58 were boys and 68 girls. Thirty-nine are in the first year, 47 in the second year, 21 in the third year and 19 in the fourth year.

The various districts are represented as follows:

Niles, 24; Centerville, 31; Irvington, 22; Mission San Jose, 4; Alvarado, 10; Newark, 14; Lincoln, 6; Alyiso, 2; Warm Springs, 1; Pleasanton, 1; De- coto, 5.

There has been a change in the teaching staff this year. Mr. Cavan, former teacher in agriculture has accepted a position in the Gridley high school. His place at Centerville has been filled by Mr. Marcus, a graduate of the University of California and instructor at the State Agricultural College at Davis. Mr. Marcus will teach classes in agriculture and manual training.

Miss Wills, a graduate of the University of California is a new teacher at the Washington high school. She will conduct classes in domestic science, English and Ancient History. Miss Wills succeeds Miss Shepard who is pursuing her studies in the Santa Barbara Normal School.

Miss Mary Louise Smith, who was at Washington High School last year is now with the South San Francisco High School. She is succeeded by Mr. Weller, a graduate of Occidental, who will have classes in commercial work, French and German.

While Washington High School now has a corps of very capable instructors, under the leadership of Principal G. W. Wright, who has been retained for another year, the work of the instructors will be greatly handicapped on account of the lack of proper facilities. For example, lack of room makes it necessary to house the chemical laboratory in the basement where chemical fumes rise and permeate the rooms above. The laboratory is equipped for but ten pupils, yet twenty-six are enrolled for this course.

Another example is shown by the fact that the French class is composed of 36 members, while the largest recitation room has a seating capacity of only thirty five.

Despite these handicaps and the urgent need for new quarters the instructors look forward to a prosperous year at the institution.

### JILES APRICOTS BRING TOP-NOTCH PRICES

C. H. Hatch, buyer for the California Fruit Canners' Association at San Jose last week shipped a carload of dried apricots to the packing house of a company in San Jose. These cans were shipped in bulk instead of in cans as has been the custom. Said Mr. Hatch:

"The fruit is all grown about Niles. Apricots from here are now bringing the highest prices paid for similar fruit in the state. While the price is from six and one half to eight cents a pound, still it is much better than is being paid in other localities."

### Congregational Church Notices.

Regular services at the Niles Congregational church will be held tomorrow at 11 a.m.

Sunday school opens a week later.

## VAGS TAKE UP DAY IN COURT

Prominent Citizens Call to Try Three Alleged Bums Yesterday.

### THREE MEN ARE GIVEN FLOATERS

Jury Remains Out Several Hours Debating on the Serious Question of the Guilt or Innocence of Youth.

Justice of the Peace Ralph V. Richmond of Niles had a very strenuous day yesterday with a bunch of young fellows charged with vagrancy. During the week a party composed of Joe Trombo, William Rogers, Dan McRae Ben Dowell, John Cleary, Joe Parchi and John Wesley were arrested in the "jungles" of Niles canyon. The arrests were made by Southern Pacific Railroad officers who were investigating the burglary of a freight car in the canyon. The men had all demanded jury trials and at ten o'clock quite a venire had been gathered.

### OLD "VAG" GIVEN FLOATER.

When the cases were called, one of the men, known under the alias of "Blackie Rogers," changed his plea to guilty. Deputy District Attorney Myron Harris stated that Rogers had been in nearly every jail in the state at some time or other on a charge of vagrancy, but that as he evidence in this particular case seemed to show that Rogers had been in the "hob, comp" but a few minutes before the arrest was made, and that the district attorney's office did not want to appear to be persecuting the man just

for his record, so he requested he be sentenced to suspended and the given instructions to leave town and stay away from the jungles in the future. His suggestion was acted upon by Judge Richmond.

Two others—John Cleary and Joe Trombo, the latter a one-armed man—were also given instructions to get out of town and keep away.

### OTHER BOYS DEMAND TRIAL.

John Wesley, one of the accused boys, demanded a jury trial which then proceeded. Wesley, it was shown by the testimony was arrested once before under the name of O'Hara. He acted as his own attorney, and cited the railroad officers who made the arrest.

The case went to the jury shortly before noon. For several hours the jury remained locked in the judge's chambers. From time to time sounds of wrangling could be heard and occasionally some juror, prompted by the pangs of hunger would knock at the door and suggest that lunch was in order. Finally Judge Richmond and Constable Frank Rose put their hands down in their own pockets and had crackers and cheese for the hungry and by this time, somewhat peevish jurors.

After several hours of deliberation the jury announced that it was unable to agree and was dismissed.

The trials of the other two young men were set for next Friday.

### Tennis Club Holds Meets.

The Tennis Club, composed mostly of members of the Niles Congregational church are out in full swing these bright sunshiny days. Every day there are from six to ten members on the court adjoining the church and some swift games are played.

The newest members to join are Roy Clements and Eddie Fries. Eddie has considerable difficulty in keeping his wit in the wire inclosure, for he wont to drive the ball too much after the fashion of baseball.

### "Rightway" Dons a New Sign.

The "Rightway" Clothing and Dry Goods store, owned by Somers and Lindbergh, Niles, has had a neat window sign prepared, bearing the words "Rightway" in gold leaf. The sign is decided attraction to the always well-dressed windows of the enterprising firm.

## HORSE BURNED LAST SUNDAY

Animal Perished in Flames That Consumed Shed and Its Contents.

### EXACT CAUSE OF BLAZE IS UNKNOWN

Belief Has Been Expressed That Children Playing With Matches Was Indirect Cause of Conflagration.

Sunday afternoon last an alarm of fire was turned in. The fire department responded and found that the cause was a burning shed at the rear of the residence of August Andrade. A horse, cart and about a ton of hay was consumed.

The fire department did good work in preventing the spread of the flames to adjacent buildings.

The exact cause of the fire is not known, but it is supposed to have been caused by children playing with matches in the vicinity of the barn.

Outside of the death of the horse the damage was small.

### LANS FOR OPENING OF THE COUNTRY CLUB

Plans are now being prepared by the various committees for the annual luncheon and meeting of the Country Club of Washington township to be held in the club house at Centerville. Officers of the Alta Mira club, Sandro Hill & Valley Club of Hayward; Pleasanton club and Niles club are to be guests of the day.

The club house if completed

will be available for social gatherings.

The scale of prices for rent of the club house has been fixed as follows: For the evening complete, including dishes and piano, \$6.00; for the evening without dishes, \$5.00; for the evening without piano, \$3.50. For the afternoon complete, \$5.00; for the afternoon without dishes, \$2.50; for the afternoon without piano, \$2.50.

### JILES WOMAN'S CLUB TO REOPEN AUGUST 26

The Niles Woman's Club will hold an annual meeting with basket lunch on Thursday, August 26 at Belvoir, with Mrs. Chittenden as hostess. Following luncheon the business meeting and a short program will be taken up. Members may invite friends not belonging to the club, by paying the small sum of 25 cents. Mrs. E. B. Tyson and assistants will have charge of the program for the coming year.

### TALKED ENGLISH WHEN ARRESTED BUT NOT IN COURT

When S. G. Gonsalves, arrested and charged by Traffic Officer L. E. Wright with exceeding the speed limit on his motorcycle appeared before Justice of the Peace Ralph V. Richmond yesterday he stoutly maintained that he was unable to understand English, adding that Spanish was the only tongue he understood.

The court appointed John Oliver interpreter and after hearing the evidence found Gonsalves guilty and fined him the sum of \$50.

### WOMAN VAG. GETS 15 DAYS IN COUNTY JAIL

oo Much Fighting "Booze" Proved Disastrous to Hazel Woodward. Hazel Woodward, arrested Sunday night and charged with vagrancy by Constable Frank Rose, was sentenced to imprisonment for fifteen days at the county jail by Justice of the Peace Ralph V. Richmond at Niles Monday morning.

The young woman, according to testimony adduced at the trial, had come into town earlier in the evening and proceeded to get drunk. When the officer remonstrated with her she attacked him and succeeded in kicking him before being landed in the lock-up.

Since last Monday the way is now cleared for the annexation of the Alvarado section. The amendments made to the law have greatly strengthened the district.

## ROBBERS ENTER NEWARK STORE

S. A. D. Buchanan Is the Victim of Midnight Visit of Two Burglars.

### WERE CAUGHT COMING OUT OF THE STORE

Deputy Constable Louis Ruschin and Telegraph Operator Made the Capture After a Short Watch.

Thursday night the general merchandise store of S. A. D. Buchanan at Newark was entered and robbed by two men. The robbers were caught in the act and have confessed to their crime.

Early Friday morning John Hopper, night telegraph operator at the Newark station of the Southern Pacific Company heard the men and summoned Deputy Constable Louis Ruschin. Ruschin and Hopper watched the two men enter the store and waited in the grass near the place for them to come out. When the emerged they were placed under arrest. Deputy Constable Ruschin summoned his superior, Constable Joseph Soito from Centerville and the pair were landed in jail.

When interviewed in the township lock-up by a representative of The Press yesterday, the two men said they had been in San Jose and claimed to have met in San Jose and have ridden on a freight car to Newark where they were ejected from the train. After hanging about all day they visited the

door of the store. After entering they took several boxes of dozen pairs of shoes, a can of pineapple, two bottles of whiskey and about three dollars which they found in the cash register.

It is believed by the officers that the pair made an attempt to forced their way into the store of Silvey-Munyon and Co., a few blocks away, but were frightened away.

It is understood that the burglars will enter a plea of guilty.

### WATER DISTRICT NOTES.

By CHRIS. RUNCKEL. The attempt of the Dumbarton Land Company to secure a rehearing in its case against the Alameda County Water District against the Alameda County Water District last week before Judge Burroughs was denied. It was this company, represented by Attorney Charles Snook that made the fight to have the proceedings in the formation of the district invalidated.

It also fought the validation law in Sacramento. That law went into effect last Monday. The only recourse the corporation interests now have in the attempt to invalidate the district will be an appeal to the State Supreme Court. The formation of the district now seems secure.

The action of Superior Judge Brown in overruling the demurrer of the Spring Valley Water Company to the complaint filed by the district settles the right of the district to bring suit. Had the demurrer been sustained it would have been a serious blow to the district. It was against the union of the people into a district that the various corporations fought hardest at Sacramento. Now that this important point is settled the district as an organization must be dealt with by the company. The way now seems clear for the trial of the case. There are only two ways that the company can combat the claims of the people of the district. One is to fight it out in court and the other is to get control of the organization and kill off the suit. That is the purpose behind the present attacks on the board of directors.

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## Mayor Davie Redems Promises

**M**AYOR JOHN L. DAVIE of Oakland has taken steps to fulfill his pre-election promises to the citizens of that city, to restore to them their rights and privileges that have been taken from them during the administration of Former Mayor Frank K. Mott.

The first step in this direction took the form this week of an attack upon the validity of certain leases to city property along Oakland estuary and Brooklyn Basin by the Board of Public Works under the Mott regime.

It appears that these leases were granted to numerous corporations a few days before the new Oakland City charter went into effect. The new charter imposes very rigid restrictions on the granting of waterfront privileges, and very few leases have been granted since this charter has become effective.

Among the corporations said to be lessees under the leases that are attacked are: The Southern Pacific Railroad Company, which is alleged to occupy eight miles of waterfront and which pays but \$125 a year for the first twenty-five years of its fifty year lease, and \$250 for the second twenty-five years. In all—a list of more than twenty tenants—the City of Oakland receives but \$6500 a year for its entire waterfront.

Such a condition of affairs would be of no interest to any but the citizens of Oakland were it not for the fact that any attempt to control Oakland's waterfront by corporations is an attempt to control the city's transportation outlet, and any attempt to control the transportation means that the farmers of Washington township will be handicapped in getting their produce to the San Francisco markets, and from there to other parts of the country.

Mayor Davie, in upholding the people of Oakland and in fulfilling his promises to its people is entitled to the respect and appreciation of all right minded citizens of the entire county.

## Niles Needs a Clean Up

**N**ILES should look into the condition now that so many Eastern

visitors are visiting us. Our sidewalks and vacant lots should be cleaned of dry grass and weeds. It not only makes a most favorable impression on visitors, but it also is a safeguard against fire where a lighted cigar is carelessly thrown in the grass.

There are several disgraceful spots in town that property owners appear entirely indifferent regarding the looks of their property, while others take a personal pride in having everything as neat as wax. There is a good chance for a big bunch of men to be set to work and having a regular old-fashioned cleaning bee. It is badly needed.

## A Nation of Spoiled "Darlings"

**T**HE office of family arbitrator, chiefly for the use of newly-weds which the city of Los Angeles is creating and for which Mrs. Margaret Sirch has been tentatively selected, is a delicate one. Arbitrator is a good word, but of course what the average married couple really needs is a family goat, who will gracefully take all the blame of delinquencies on either side and make the necessary amends honorable.

Arbitration calls for reason, and it's hard to reason with a reprehensible martyr. Married people have an extraordinary ability to justify their misdeeds—they were always driven to them by the unfortunate actions or disposition of the other half. A condition which the other half declines to acknowledge.

It is a sad confession, this modern admission that newly-weds require an officials city arbitrator. Theoretically, ethically, the newly-weds should be so hopelessly in love with one another that they are blind to all faults. But we live too quickly nowadays; we rush into courtship, rush the marriage and rush the troubles. We are a nation of spoiled darlings who are so used to having our own way that the hoary old maxim of "Bear and forbear" is incomprehensible to us. We see no earthly reason why we should bear anything we don't entirely approve, or forbear to do anything that pleases our fancy.

**F**EARING that the State highway work is stripping them of too much political patronage in roadbuilding, various supervisors throughout the state are lining up to institute a quiet campaign against the \$15,000,000 bond issue for new State roads to be voted upon next year. The supervisors organized very strongly against the plan of the last Legislature to take road construction entirely out of their hands.

The law which makes it a misdemeanor for a man to be without a job is a peculiar one. It calls him a "vag." and says that he must be punished by imprisonment in jail for a certain length of time. After serving his time in jail he is released—still a vag. And this in spite of the fact that the county has been put to the expense of arresting him, securing his conviction and feeding him. Funny law, isn't it?

The spectacular historical pageant to be produced at Mission San Jose under the direction of G. M. Anderson of the Essanay Company for the benefit of the Mission Restoration Fund is sure to be one of the attractive drawing cards of the occasions. Mr. Anderson's reputation as a director is known throughout the world and what he undertakes is always carried to a satisfactory conclusion. The pageant will take place Sunday, August 29.

## Trade-at-Home Series

### LARGE SUM PAID BY MAIL-ORDER HOUSE

**E**NORMOUS PROFITS MADE BY CHICAGO CONCERN ENABLE THEM TO DECLARE ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF 50 PER CENT

By DAVID POWELL.

**I**N A preceding article of this series the conclusions of a factory cost were given as to the comparative buying power of different classes of merchants which very clearly demonstrated that the larger concerns have very little, if any, advantage in the buying of merchandise. In this article the selling methods employed by catalogue houses will be compared with those employed by the regular dealers.

The first item of expense the local merchant has to consider in fixing his selling price is freight charges, and the next is his cost of doing business. In freight charges the local dealer has almost an even break. Much of his line he nowadays buys direct from the factory and by clubbing with other merchants gets part of it shipped in car lots which gives him the lowest rate.

Against this, most of the mail-order merchandise must stand the initial freight charge from the factory to either the central or branch house, and a second transportation charge from the distributing house to the consumer. This second charge averages very high, as a large part of it is either express or postage. That the catalogue house has no great advantage here is quite apparent.

#### COMPARATIVE COST OF DOING BUSINESS.

Upon a merchant's ability to properly regulate his cost of doing business depends his ultimate success or failure. To the consumer not versed in commercial terms, the true meaning of this expression is often not clear. It is determined by totaling all items of expense connected with the running of a business for a certain period, say a year, and the percentage this amount is of the total sales for the same period is known as the "cost of doing business." This, however, is entirely apart and separate from the percentage of profit a merchant adds to the cost of an article to determine his selling price. By better methods and stricter economy one merchant may do business at a less expense than his competitor, which would enable him to sell the same article at a lower price and still make exactly the same percentage of profit on it.

It is plainly evident that if the large city stores and catalogue houses have no advantage over the small dealer in buying an article, it is manifestly impossible for them to sell it for less than the small dealer, unless their cost of doing business is less than the local mer-

chant's. From many sources has been learned what different merchants figure their costs of doing business and it very rarely exceeds 20 per cent. It would hardly matter very much if a few of the big catalogue houses would publish the same information. As of course they won't, in order to make a comparison it will be necessary to estimate it. For example, take one of the large mail-order houses situated in Chicago.

#### FAT SALARIES PAID BY MAIL ORDER HOUSES.

Such a concern has an immense overhead expense entailed in maintaining a large office force as well as a corps of high-salaried advertisement writers. These are the men who paint in such attractive words the virtues of the goods sold by the house. For this work they secure the best men they can get, paying them salaries ranging from \$5000 to \$20,000 per year. Did it ever occur to you what it costs to put in your hands one of these beautifully illustrated catalogues? In their literature you are informed that they are generously giving away something free, postage prepaid, that represents an outlay on their part of some 25 cents, and they hope you will appreciate their efforts to aid the oppressed and down-trodden in reducing the high cost of living, etc. Now, as a matter of fact, although they put out several millions of copies of their books each year, it costs them far more than twenty-five cents.

Taking a catalogue issued for this season by one of the two largest mail-order houses of the country as a sample, and the same number of copies the same house sent out last year, a careful estimate shows that just for printing and mailing the cost would exceed sixty cents. Add to that, pro rata, the enormous sum it costs them for their staff of "ad" writers and illustrators and the total would very probably exceed a dollar. Many people receive a catalogue who do not buy a cent's worth throughout the whole year, so it is very apparent that the statement given out recently by a former employee of the house in mind, was very near the truth when he said the expense of publishing their catalogue for 1913 amounted to eight and two-thirds per cent. of their total sales for the year. With their immense office force, high real estate values, general advertising, etc., it is reasonable to suppose that their cost of doing business could not be any possibly be less than 20 per cent—probably more.

#### MERCHANTS MAKE TEN PER CENT—MAIL-ORDER HOUSE FIFTY.

If it costs the catalogue and big city houses as large a percentage of their total sales to do business, and they can buy their goods no cheaper than the local merchant can, there is only one way left in which they can undersell him, and that is by being satisfied with a smaller rate of income on the capital invested in the business. How many of your merchants make more than ten per cent on their invested capital? Not very many. Yet the mail-order house referred to above declared a dividend in January of this year—1915—of fifty per cent on its capital stock of forty millions. Their total business for the year was about ninety million dollars. Figure out for yourself who pays the bill.

Commenting on the death of the late Montgomery Ward, the well known president of the big mail-order house that recently opened a Pacific Coast branch in Portland, the American Fair Trade Magazine says:

"Mr. Ward leaves a fortune of twenty million dollars in his own name, and a business of seventy-five millions a year, built up at the expense of the small towns and villages of this great country, and

not a cent of it ever gets back to help the community from which it came."

"The situation is surely one of great significance. It seems that but to read a list of the country merchants who every year close their stores and abandon their business on account of the seductive influence the 'saint salesman' has gained in their communities, would be sufficient to establish beyond a doubt that every mail-order purchase by a citizen is a direct and deadly blow at the prosperity of his own community. For practically every such commercial failure, a good home is disrupted, and a sturdy progressive family is scattered and lost to the community."

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## S. P. TIME TABLE

ARRIVES FROM SAN FRANCISCO.

No. 210—For Tracy, Stockton and Sacramento .....	2:36 a. m.
No. 500—For Centerville, Newark and San Jose .....	4:45 a. m.
No. 90—For San Jose and Way Stations, via Irvington .....	8:15 a. m.
No. 82—For Pleasanton and Livermore and Tracey .....	8:40 a. m.
No. 32—For Pleasanton, Livermore and Tracey .....	10:25 a. m.
No. 504—For Centerville, Newark and San Jose .....	2:36 p. m.
No. 90—For San Jose and Way Stations, via Irvington .....	2:43 p. m.
No. 38—For Pleasanton, Livermore, Tracey and Stockton .....	5:15 p. m.
No. 96—For San Jose and Way Stations, via Irvington .....	6:05 p. m.
No. 80—For Tracey and Stockton .....	6:12 p. m.
No. 182—For Tracey .....	6:49 p. m.
No. 98—For San Jose and Way Stations, via Irvington .....	7:58 p. m.
No. 184—For Stockton (Sunday only) .....	9:09 p. m.
ARRIVES IN NILES FOR SAN FRANCISCO.	
No. 89—San Francisco and Way Stations .....	5:45 a. m.
No. 93—San Francisco and Way Stations .....	6:58 a. m.
No. 91—San Francisco and Way Stations .....	7:48 a. m.
No. 79—For San Francisco. Stops at First and Broadway only .....	8:51 a. m.
No. 181—Decoto, Hayward, San Leandro, Oakland, San Francisco .....	1:30 p. m.
No. 31—San Francisco and Way Stations .....	2:50 p. m.
No. 97—San Francisco and Way Stations .....	4:23 p. m.
No. 37—Fruitvale, Oakland and San Francisco .....	4:49 p. m.
No. 51—Fruitvale, Oakland and San Francisco .....	6:15 p. m.
No. 189—From San Jose to Niles .....	6:17 p. m.
No. 190—From Niles to Livermore .....	6:52 a. m.
No. 513—From Niles to Centerville and Newark .....	6:52 a. m.
No. 503—From Niles to Redwood, via Dumbarton .....	1:40 p. m.

# BASE BALL

By EDWARD W. FRIES, Sporting Editor

## NILES-ESSANAY INDIANS WILL PLAY SAN RAFAEL

### Tomorrow's Game Will Take Place In County Seat Of Marin County

EXT Sunday the Niles-Essanay Indians will again be put to a grueling test when they journey to San Rafael to do battle with the baseball club at that place. San Rafael has one of the best semi-professional clubs in Central California and will no doubt give the local boys a run for their money. However, Niles put up a steady fight in their game with Petaluma several weeks ago and should be able to repeat against San Rafael; and with an even break in luck stand an excellent chance of bringing home a victory.

The Indians will present their strongest line-up with either Dolan or Sheehan doing mound duty. In Dolan's last battle against the Great Western Power Company he showed that the rest he received did him worlds of good and has just about returned to his old time form so the odds are considerably in favor of him occupying the pitcher's box. Burroughs' sore thumb is healing rapidly and will be ready to don the big mit and handle Dolan's shoots in his usual steady manner.

Perry has returned from his hunting trip and will be seen at his base. Esola will cover the short field with Robinson on first and the outfield will be well taken care of with Sheehan, Wales and Fries to old station at second base, while Breslauer will hold down third run down the fly balls. Either Wittenmeyer or Lowe will be taken along as extra man and either is a very good substitute to be placed into the line up should their services be required.

The local club played in big style two weeks ago when they defeated the the Great Western Power Co. Club. Every man on the club was in the game from start to finish with no letup in "pep" and if the boys can keep up this spirit and determination to win, they will prove a stumbling block for the San Rafael Club.

The Niles Essanay Indians are requested to meet at the Southern Pacific R. R. Co. at 8:45 Sunday Morning leaving on the 9 o'clock train arriving in San Francisco at 10:30 leaving Frisco at 11:15 and arriving in Niles at 12:15. They will return to Frisco about 6:30 P.M. and will catch the 7:40 for Niles returning home at 9 P. M. Sunday night.

Those who will make the trip are Burroughs, Dolan, Robinson, Perry, Esola, Breslauer, Sheehan, Wales, Fries, Whittenmeyer, Lee Scott and little Scotty.

## WATCH SIGNALS BUT FORGOT THE TIME

### Baseball Player Strikes Manager in Back of Neck

In one of Van Loons baseball stories on the "busher" that was in the Saturday evening Post last summer I believe Mr. Van Loon has surpassed anything I have ever heard on the young and wild country "phenom" who goes away from the farm to try his hand at the great national pastime. It tells about a young pitcher who had the makings of a Mathewson or Walter Johnson and the manager promptly placed him in the hands of one of the veteran catchers in an effort to teach the lad something about the art of pitching. The "busher" was progressing rapidly with everything excepting the signals the catcher was trying to teach him, and at last when he had hoped that his young "protege" had learned sufficient, the manager decided to let him pitch the opening game of the season. All the night previous to the opening day the busher lay awake thinking over his signals, the one in particular that proved a stumbling block to him was a signal to throw the ball to first base. Incidentally it happened that the manager played 1st base and for this particular reason he wanted to be sure that he didn't miss any signals to heave the ball over to his manager.

The signal would be given by the catcher who would spit and as soon as he would detect his catcher settling the dust with the fragments of his large shew of tobacco he was to cut loose and when it came time for the game to start the manager walked across the field amid the cheers from the grandstand and bleachers with whom he was popular. The umpire announced the batters and while all this was going on and the crowd still cheering the manager, who had taken his place at the initial sack, was obliged to continually turn around and doff his cap. In the meantime the catcher was explaining signals to the young pitcher and his last words to the lad were: "Now, remember when I spit you turn and throw to first base" and this seemed to run through his head. He was now in the pitcher's box ready to throw the first ball and the manager was still acknowledging the applause from the great throng when the catcher lifted his mask and let loose a wad of tobacco juice that would have drowned the bat boy and forgetting that the singal was not in force unless a runner was on first, could only think of cutting loose to the initial sack which he did. He put all he had on the ball which struck the manager in the back of the neck, knocking him cold. It could hardly be realized what had happened, but in the next minute the mob from the stands and bleachers has swarmed onto the field and were chasing the "busher" over the center field fence. Lucky for him he possessed considerable speed and was able to make his way back to the farm.

There he is perfectly willing to remain the rest of his life.

## How the Farmer May be Benefited by the Single Tax

How the farmer and the farming community may be benefited by the adoption of the single tax is to be made a special subject on the campaign of information on Henry George's doctrine which is to be waged by the Massachusetts Single Tax League. Alexander MacKendrick, secretary of the league, stated in an interview that the object of most concern at present was to make the farmer realize that he is not to lose but rather to gain by the proposed method of taxing land values only.

"Where the farmer makes a mistake," said Mr. MacKendrick, "is to suppose that because he owns more land than the average person of other occupations he will be affected unfavorably by the single tax. He forgets that it is not the average that counts but the land values. The burden of taxation now borne by the farmer is not so much on account of his land as on account of the tax on improvements made by him, on his buildings, stock, trains, etc.

"Under the present tax system, the farmer is bearing much more than his proportionate share of taxation. His property is for the most part in the open where it may be seen and accounted for by the tax assessor. It is taxed fully while many dwellers in the large cities whose possessions consist chiefly of intangibles are taxed often only a small percentage of the total value of their possessions.

"With the single tax in operation the farmer would not be taxed on his buildings, stock and the many different farm improvements but on the value of the land only. I can say confidently that the farmer's present tax would be reduced and he would be benefited in other ways, as the opening up of land now held out of use for speculative purposes, especially land near urban communities."

Secretary MacKendrick referred the interviewer to a member of the league, Andrew Garbutt of Holliston, who had been a farmer for many years and had made a special study of the single tax from the agriculturist's point of view.

Mr. Garbutt, about 30 years ago, was president of the first organization formed in Boston to promote the single tax, or the "George doctrine," as it was then called. Besides farming he served as an instructor in modeling at Harvard.

Asked to tell what would be some of the effects of the single tax on the farming community, Mr. Garbutt said that his investigations had convinced him that the tax now borne by the farmer could be cut to one-half and in some cases to onethird the present amount. The indirect benefits to be stated, new ones appearing the deeper we delved were almost immeasurable, he said. He carried his study of the situation.

#### NOTICE TO NON-CONSENTING LAND OWNERS

Proposed acceptance of "V" and "Tenth" streets in Union City, Alameda, California, and declaring same to be a County Road No. 5867.

Notice is hereby given that Monday, August 23, 1915, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, at the rooms of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Alameda, in the Annex of the Hall of Records, in the City of Oakland, County of Alameda, State of California, has been fixed as the time and place for hearing the report of viewers presented and filed this day in the matter of the proposed acceptance of portions of "V" and "Tenth" streets in Washington Township, County of Alameda, State of California.

That the following is a description of the portions of said roads to be accepted as proposed:

"All of what is known as 'V' street in Union City, Beginning at County Road No. 70 and running westerly to what is known as Tenth street; thence southerly along Tenth street to the Tenth Road.

That the names of the owners over whose lands the proposed roads will be the County of Alameda.

Notice is further given that at the said time and place the Board of Supervisors will hear the evidence offered by parties for or against the proposed acceptance of said portions of aid road and will ascertain and by order declare the amount of damage awarded any non-consenting land owner affected by said acceptance of said County Road, and declare the Report of the Viewers to be approved or rejected in whole or in part.

GEO. E. GROSS,  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Alameda County, California.  
Dated: August 2, 1915.

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"I took up farming partly as an experiment," said Mr. Garbutt. "I wanted to see if the uninitiated person like myself from the city could make a living on a farm in Massachusetts. I wanted to learn about the farmers' problems and how they might be remedied by reforms in taxation.

"After years as a farmer, I have come to the conclusion that in Massachusetts the average farmer can eke out an existence with labor and study, but to make and save money is quite another thing. He can raise plenty to support himself and family but finds it difficult to extend his operations and profits as a producer for distant points. In my opinion this situation is due chiefly to present methods of taxation and their effects on agricultural lands.

"Under the present system of taxation improvements on land as well as the land itself, much land is unused, is held for speculative purposes, to the detriment of the public as a whole. In the country, and very close to the cities, for that matter, thousands of acres of land are left uncultivated. The tax on the land is so low that the owner can afford to hold his property unused for years. He refuses to sell until he can get the large price he is waiting for. This situation is general and tends to prevent somebody obtaining the land who would develop it and also deprives the public of the benefits to be derived from its cultivation.

"Let me illustrate. A farmer whom I know found that he was making a profit on his poultry. He wished to extend this work and tried to buy an adjoining piece of land from his neighbor. The neighbor asked a price that was prohibitive and my friend was forced to confine the poultry business to the narrow limits of his present holdings.

"Note that the neighbor did not use this land for any productive purpose before or afterward. Not only was my friend prevented from earning more money but the public was deprived of a larger supply of poultry, which, considered in a general way, would have

lower prices in the city market.

Now under the single tax system the tax on this neighbor's unused land would be somewhat higher than it is now, enough probably to force him to do one of two things sooner or later. He could not afford to let the land lie idle and pay the larger taxes. Either he would sell it to my friend or use it himself for some productive purpose. One or other would receive a direct profit and the public would benefit directly.

"If you multiply this case a thousand times, you begin to see how the single tax would help in solving the high cost of living."

#### NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Alameda County, California, August 9, 1915.

Sealed bids will be received by the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Alameda County, at his office, until 10 o'clock a. m., Monday, August 30, 1915 (the day when said bids will be opened and the contract awarded) for the removing of portions of the timber trestle and constructing a new abutments and bents and the necessary grading of the roadway to bring the roadway to the proper grade where portions of the trestle are removed on the Main County Road from Alvarado to Centerville, or County Road No. 544, in Washington Road District, Washington Township, Alameda County, California.

Plans and specifications on file in the office of the County Clerk open for inspection.

Each bid must be accompanied by a check for at least ten per cent. of the amount of the bid or proposal, certified to by some responsible bank, and made payable to Geo. E. Gross, Clerk of the Board, to be forfeited to the County of Alameda as agreed and liquidated damages should the party or parties to whom the contract shall be awarded fail to enter into the contract after the award or to give the bond required by the Board for the faithful performance of the contract, (SEAL) GEO. E. GROSS,

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Alameda.

Dated, August 9, 1915,  
8-148-24

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## LODGE MEETINGS

**ALAMEDA LODGE, F. & A. M.**  
Stated meetings at Masonic Temple, Centerville, for  
1915: January 30, February 27, March 27, April 24, May 22, June 26, July 24, August 21, September 18, October 16, November 20, December 18.

E. M. GRIMMER, W. M. A. T. BIDDLE, Secretary.

**NILES LODGE, NO. 382, I. O. O. F.** Meets every Monday evening at Niles. BEN W. STONE, Noble Grand, LEE FRONZ, Vice Grand, P. A. ELLIS, Secretary.

**MAPLE CAMP NO. 146, W. O. W.** Meets every Second and Fourth Fridays of the Month in Stevenson's Hall, Centerville.

J. F. ROSE, Con. Com., JOS. SOITO, Adv., M. H. LEWIS, Clerk, M. S. ALMAIDA, Banker.

One of the most beautiful and impressive ceremonies connected with the Mission San Jose Restoration celebration, August 29, will be the open-air military mass, celebrated by the Rev. Father Mackay, now pastor of the Mission church.

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Superior Court of the County of Alameda, State of California.  
No. 20250.

In the Matter of the Estate of Maria Pacheco, who was also known as Maria Custodio, deceased.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned administrator, with the will annexed, of the estate of Maria Pacheco, who was also known as Maria Custodio, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased, and claims for funeral expenses and expenses of the last sickness of said deceased to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers within four (4) months after the first publication of this notice to the said administrator at the law office of Jno. G. Mattos Jr., in Centerville, County of Alameda, State of California, which said office the undersigned selects as his place of business in all matters connected with said estate of Maria Pacheco, who was also known as Maria Custodio, deceased.

FRANK PACHECO JR.

Administrator with the will annexed of the Estate of Maria Pacheco, who was also known as Maria Custodio, deceased.

JNO. G. MATTOS JR.

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## Niles

It was a jolly party that gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Todd last Friday evening to extend birthday greetings to Mrs. Todd. The party numbered about a dozen and dancing held full sway. A lunch was served and the guests joined in drinking to the health of "Sophia." Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Todd, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McKenzie, Mr. and Mrs. William Cato, Lloyd Bacon, Earl Esola, Roy Clements, Edw. Fries and Miss Maude Haynes.

J. D. Ferry and family spent Sunday in San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Destrella and children returned Tuesday from a two day's visit to the exposition.

Chris Runcel Jr., of Berkeley was in Niles Saturday, having recently returned from McCloud where he has spent the past two months.

Mrs. Albert Fisher and daughter, Justine of Hayward, were guests for the day at the home of Mrs. H. E. Mosher on Wednesday.

Richard Hunt and Sister, Miss Winifred were guests at the dinner part in San Jose on Wednesday, going down by automobile.

Warren Garst and son of Cedar Rapids, Ia., have been visiting this week with their relatives, the Tyson family. With Miss Garst, they came west for a visit to the exposition.

Word comes from the Fabiola Hospital that Miss Amale Meyers' condition, since the surgical operation, is very serious. Her friends and relatives are waiting anxiously to hear of her improvement.

Miss Carrie Chittenden, who has returned for a year's vacation from her missionary work in China, addressed the audience of the Niles Congregational church last Sunday morning in place of the regular sermon by the pastor. Miss Chittenden left on Monday for Southern California.

Mrs. L. Baldwin was a visitor at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Olive Dillard in Elmhurst over Sunday last. Ukiah spent Friday of last week with their aunt, Miss Margaret Shinn, going on from here to the exposition.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hunt of Niles were entertained at dinner Wednesday evening at the home of Loren Hunt of

San Francisco. The dinner was given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hunt of Santa Barbara. Mr. Frank Hunt is the county commissioner to the exposition from Santa Barbara county and has charge of the county exhibit in the California building. He and Mrs. Hunt have been at the exposition since its opening.

William Kimball of Long Beach, Cal., has become interested in the work of Mrs. James Whipple of establishing a free library in honor of her husband at Thorne, Alaska, and is assisting her in collecting books. They will soon have gathered nearly a thousand volumes to send on to Alaska.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tyson and children spent several days last week with friends in San Rafael.

Miss Robert Bonner visited last week with her sister, Miss Mollie Butler, in Sunol, and with friends in Pleasanton.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bonner are mourning the loss of a valuable horse for which the family had a great affection. Its death occurred Wednesday morning after an illness of two days.

Judge Ogden and two sons, Clarence and Frank, with his nephew, Kinsley Miller, all of Oakland, were guests on Sunday at the home of Harry Tyson.

Mrs. Neff Alberg has been entertaining her mother and sisters from Hayward this week, Mrs. Christenson and Mrs. O. St. Low.

Miss Winifred Hunt will resume her teaching this year, having accepted a position in the Porterville, Tulare county, school.

Richard Hunt has been spending the past month in relieving the different employees of the Hayward Bank, while they were absent on vacation trips.

Miss Katherine Estep of San Fran-

cisco spent Wednesday with Miss M. I. Shinn.

The inspector appointed by the state to investigate lands infested by squirrels, has been in the vicinity of Niles during the week and has been instructing farmers about poisoning the little pests.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gray of Lenn mouth with their daughter, Mrs. J. B. McClellan, were much pleased with Niles and its surroundings. An article appeared in their home paper after their return expressing Mr. Gray's opinion and giving Niles quite a boost.

Mrs. H. E. Mosher attended the meeting of the Union Five Hundred Club at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Beard in San Francisco on Friday last.

Miss Maude Edna Haynes of San Francisco is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Todd. Miss Haynes will probably stay in Niles during the next ten days or two weeks.

W. J. Cunningham of Oakland, representing H. O. Harrisson, San Francis agents for the Dodge Bros. automobile is registered at the Belvoir.

## Mission San Jose

Rev. Father Mackay returned this week from Byron Springs much improved in health.

James Turner is still at Adams Springs.

Miss Irma Wauhab is spending her vacation in the Mission.

Mrs. Rose and daughter, Grace, have returned from two weeks' visit in San Francisco.

Theodore Bergman is spending his vacation with the Solons, a former resident of the Mission.

Mrs. Tom Wauhab and family of San Jose are visiting friends in the Mission.

Miss Martha and Arthur Katzer are spending a few days with the Rose family.

Misses Evelyn and Winifred Whitfield are now attending the high school at Centerville.

Mrs. M. Whitfield and daughter are spending a few weeks in Niles.

Harry Moors and Miss Priscilla

Moors have returned to their home in Oakland, after a couple of months visit at the Los Cerritos ranch.

I. H. Whitfield met with a painful accident on his ranch near Mission San Jose Tuesday. He stepped into a cow hoof and strained the tendon of his foot.

## Centerville

The St. James Guild will meet with Mrs. L. Anderson at Irvington on 13th. The barrel festival is well in hand for the 28th at the home of Mrs. J. A. Bunting. It takes the form of a basket picnic. A play will be given by the young ladies at 2:30.

The United Artisans gave a delightful party on Thursday evening. They had received a beautiful picture some four feet long with a fine panorama of the Exposition, and below the visitors and friends: This formed the motive of the evening. Five hundred was played. The first table was a zone, then to the Horticultural Building. The center table was the Tower of Jewels. The score cards were decorated with scenes and all the prizes were brought from different places at the exposition. Mrs. Wilson won the first prize—a book of views. Mr. Hurd, the booby—pack of colored postals. Miss Mabel Mathiesen won first ladies' prize, a Filipino flower holder, and Mrs. Ormsby the booby prize, a Filipina basket. The refreshments were truly from the fair. Some of the brothers donned their famous waiters' costumes and served frankfurters and Vienna rolls, sandwiches and coffee and ice cream in the popular cones. It was a late hour before

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